GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:285
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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sugar Production Capacity in the country has been on a continuous rise since the year 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the annual production and demand for sugar in the country during the said period, year-wise;

(d) whether the existing sugar mills are unable to meet the demand in the country;

(e) if so, the details of measures being taken by the Government to meet the shortfall in supply;

(f) whether apart from the mandatory provision of the minimum 15 kms. radius from any existing sugar mill for opening a new mill any other policy has been framed to provide remunerative price of sugarcane to the farmers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): A statement indicating the sugar production capacity from 2000-01 to 2007-08 sugar season is enclosed at Annexure -I.

(c): A statement indicating the annual production and consumption from 2000-01 to 2007-08 sugar season is enclosed at Annexure II.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) & (g): The mandatory provision of maintaining a distance of 15 Kms between two sugar factories is to prevent unhealthy competitions among sugar factories to procure sugarcane. As regards remunerative price of sugarcane to the farmers, the interest of the farmers is protected under the relevant provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.